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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 3936

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, HO  
SUBJ: ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL BEGINS VOTER REGISTRATION

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 3701, (B) TEGUCIGALPA A-30

1. VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS BY LOCAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNALS BEGAN ON SCHEDULE AUGUST 15, AS CALLED FOR BY THE ELECTORAL LAW (REF A). THE REGISTRATION PERIOD WILL LAST UNTIL AUGUST 30, 1979.

2. REPORTEDLY THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE SHORTAGE OF MATERIAL AND TRAINED PERSONNEL AT THE TEGUCIGALPA CENTER, WHILE SOME REMOTE AREAS PROBABLY STILL DO NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES. ROLANDO IRIATE, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL, MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MAJORITY OF LOCAL TRIBUNALS WERE FUNCTIONING WITH NEAR NORMALITY.

3. IN AN INTERVIEW JUST BEFORE THE ASSUMPTION OF POWER BY THE MILITARY JUNTA, NATIONAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL PRESIDENT VIRGILIO GALVEZ TOLD EMBASSY POLOFF AND VISITING DESK OFFICER OF HIS BE-  
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LIEF VOTER REGISTRATION START-UP PROBLEMS WOULD BE OVERCOME VERY QUICKLY. HE DESCRIBED LONG HOURS WORKED BY HIS STAFF TO BEGIN REGISTRATION ON SCHEDULE AS WELL AS HOPED FOR SAFEGUARDS TO HONEST OF PROCESS.

4. COMMENT: TEETHING PROBLEMS ARE ONLY TO BE EXPECTED IN VIEW OF THE RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

WAS GIVEN (REF A) TO ESTABLISH THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM, I.E.,  
SINCE JUNE 1. ALL FOUR POLITICAL PARTIES MUST STILL COMPLY WITH  
CERTAIN ELECTORAL LAW PROVISIONS BY DECEMBER 31 TO REMAIN  
ELIGIBLE FOR THE ELECTIONS. BOTH THE NATIONAL AND LIBERAL PARTIES  
HAVE TO SUBMIT AMENDED STATUTES (REF B), WHILE THE CHRISTIAN  
DEMOCRATS AND INNOVATION AND UNITY PARTIES MUST ALSO SUBMIT IN-  
SCRIPTION REQUESTS SUPPORTED BY TEN THOUSAND CERTIFIED SIGNATURES.  
THE FOUR PARTIES CLAIM THEY ARE NOW READY OR NEARLY READY TO  
COMPLY.  
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